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Mentors pictured on back row from left: John Carr, Gordon Duke, Susie Schaaf, Mike Jennings, Margaret Harney and Mary Lassiter. Interns pictured on front row from left: Anette Evers, Rob Hignite, Kerry McKinney, Shannon Thomas and Amy White. Not pictured: Judy Johnson and Amy Neild.

CFC Semester Interns say "Farewell"

By Shannon Thomas, CFC Communications Intern

An April 25 luncheon at the Kentucky History Center rang down the curtain on a wonderful learning experience for me and the 12 other students in the Association of Independent Kentucky Colleges and Universities' executive internship program.

Before I began my internship with the CFC communications office, I had no idea what state government was about.

I had followed politics my whole life, but I never knew what was behind it. I never knew about the vastness of state government, or the people who worked to make things happen for the greater good of Kentucky.

So when I started work here Jan. 8, I had no idea what to expect. But the people in my office took me under their wing, made me comfortable and—each in their own way—gave me a little “push” to fulfill my potential. From writing articles to researching federal legislation, I was always encouraged, supported, and guided.

I know the other interns feel the same way. As college students, we know that jobs such as the ones we've had here are hard to come by.

The luncheon was held to recognize mentors as well as students. I attended with my mentors, Mike Jennings and Margaret Harney; Kerry McKinney,

who interned in the Office of Performance Enhancement, came with mentor Susie Schaaf; and Amy Neild, who interned in the Department of Community Based Services, came with mentor Judy Johnson.

But our support system went far beyond our mentors. So, on behalf of myself, Kerry, and Amy, I want to thank all of you in CFC for the help you all have given us. Thank you for believing in us, treating us as adults and convincing us that we could succeed in our jobs.

As we say farewell, we know that now we possess skills that give us an “edge up” in life. Whether we graduate, take new jobs or return to college, we will utilize the skills you have taught us, and we will always remember those who helped us along the way.

Special Friends Picnic

Have you marked your calendar for 3 p.m. on Friday, May 18? The Special Friends Mentoring Program will gather at Juniper Hills Park in the picnic and playground area for games, fun, pizza, birthday cake and ice cream to celebrate the birthdays of all of the Special Friends.

Feel free to bring sports equipment or yard games – or simply enjoy watching the children play on the playground equipment. Families of program participants are invited to this event, too. The picnic will end around 5 p.m.

In case of rain, the picnic will be held in the Fellowship Hall of the First Baptist Church on St. Clair.



Don't Let the Lights Go Out in Kentucky

By Lisa Aug, CFC Communications

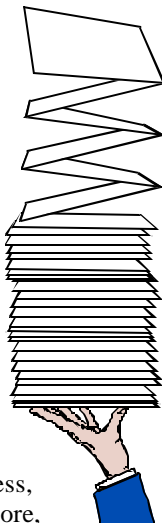
We may not write the check to cover the electricity and other energy we use at work, but one way or another we all pay for it. Every watt we use at work is one less available to us at home. Every dime the Cabinet pays utility companies is one less available to pay salaries and fund programs.

Every week in this space, Pipeline will offer a tip on an easy, painless way to save energy at work. We welcome any and all suggestions. If you know of a way each of us can cut down on the energy we use at work, please send a description to lisa.aug@mail.state.ky.us.

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Wasting paper not only kills trees, it consumes enormous energy in both the production of new paper and the disposal of used paper - even recycling uses more energy than not using the page in the first place. Copiers and printers are also huge energy-gulpers. Think twice before you copy or print, and follow these tips:

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- Use the duplex function to copy to both sides of the page.
- E-mail everything else.
- Make no more copies than you actually need - find out if there are only going to be six people at the meeting before you make 10 copies.
- Turn printers and copiers off when the office is closed or when you know no one will be using them for at least an hour.



Tree in Ombudsman's Office Now a Derby Tree



The office tree, decorated for the Kentucky Derby, features decorated hats.

By Margaret Davis Harney, CFC Communications

The tree in the Office of the Ombudsman that isn't a Christmas tree is now a Kentucky Derby tree, complete with plastic horses and roses. The "packages" underneath are bales of hay. No Derby would be complete without hats, and each employee in the office decorated a miniature hat for the tree.

A competition was held to select the best hats, and the winners were: Eleanor Jordan, first place; Debbie Dile, second place; and Rodney Moore and Michele Harrod, runners-up.

The office also celebrated with a potluck Derby breakfast, complete with made-to-order omelets.

The Derby tree will remain until the afternoon of May 7, when it will be transformed into a Mothers Day tree.

The first place hat, decorated by Eleanor Jordan.



The second place winner, decorated by Debbie Dile.



Runners-up were decorated by Rodney Moore, top, and Michele Harrod.

Sick Leave Needed

The KY Commission on the Deaf & Hard of Hearing is in need of donated sick leave for a deaf employee. If you would like to donate leave, contact Paula Wiese, Kentucky Commission on the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, at 573-2604 or email her at pwiese@mail.state.ky.us.





CFC Secretary, Viola Miller

A Message from CFC Secretary Viola Miller

The following is a memo addressed to the employees of the Cabinet for Families & Children from Viola P. Miller, Secretary.

Public Employee Recognition Week

As public employees of the Commonwealth, you provide a multitude of services which touch the lives of Kentuckians every day. This task can be overwhelming and difficult, but rewarding at times.

I would like to take this opportunity to personally commend you on a job well done. Your dedication to providing quality services to Kentucky families is unsurpassed. The challenges of your job frequently take you above and beyond the call of duty, often at great personal risk.

The week of May 7 – 11, 2001 is dedicated to honoring the excellence with which you serve this Cabinet. Although it is impossible for me to attend all the events statewide, my wish is that you take the time to enjoy the activities scheduled during this week of recognition. You deserve it!

Quality Central Connections Sponsors Public Employee Recognition Week



QCC is sponsoring events on May 8 and May 9 of Public Employee Recognition Week.

“You guys will have to find your own sponsors for the rest of the week,” an anonymous QCC Core Group member said, obviously in a state of fatigue from trying to sponsor just two days.

From 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on May 8 and 9 in the Cafeteria and Lobby of the Human Resources Building, QCC will be sponsoring a number of activities. QCC is working hard planning this event, and they’re having a good time doing it.

Bobbie Walters of the Ombudsman’s office is in charge of this project for QCC. She’s chairing QCC’s picnicparty.com (not to be confused with a Web site) work group for this blast. Other work group members for this project are Ruth Friedheim, Donna Carr, Millie Higgins, Teresa Suter, Dean Crawford, Bonnie Skufca, Jim Griffin, Carla Vinegar, Lane Kemp, and Rose Pennington.

The Schedule is as follows:

May 8, 2001 – 11:00 a.m.

Post Derby Party includes: Hot dogs, chips, fruit, drinks, birds, palm trees, and the music of Jimmy Buffett and Hawaiian Shirts.



We’ll have speakers, ugly ties, and the first ever Bring Your Own Hula Hoop Contest.

May 9, 2001 – 11:00 a.m.

Employee Group Fair

Representatives of the Commonwealth Credit Union, Kentucky Employees Credit Union, KASE, QCC, and the Offices, Departments, and Divisions of CFC will be on hand to talk about what they do. To demonstrate what they do.

We’ll also have “Maxine” (Betsy Noland) and a cake walk, and we’ll conclude the ugliest tie contest.

If you don’t have a swipe card for the Human Resources Building, you will need a ticket to get past the guard. The tickets are free, and you won’t have to stand in line to get them. The tickets will come to you via email, if they haven’t already. You will receive your official ballot for the CFC First Annual Ugly Tie Contest with your tickets.

Come on over to the Human Resources Building (formerly known as the CHR Building) on May 8 and May 9 for some fun. For some door prizes! For some more fun. You might even learn something if you’re not careful.

Let’s get ready to celebrate Public Employee Recognition Week!

